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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land to the town of Kingston, Nevada, for use as an emergency medical air evacuation site and for other public uses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2000

Mr. REID introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land to the town of Kingston, Nevada, for use as an emergency medical air evacuation site and for other public uses.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) the lease by the Secretary of the Interior of
6 certain land to the town of Kingston, Nevada, for
7 use as an emergency airstrip is about to expire;

1 (2) rather than renew the airport lease (which
2 would require certification by the Federal Aviation
3 Administration), the Secretary and the Town desire
4 that the parcel on which the main landing strip is
5 situated be sold to the Town for fair market value
6 as determined by the Secretary;

7 (3) adjacent to that parcel is other land, most
8 of which, if the airstrip parcel is sold to the Town,
9 would be isolated from other land administered by
10 the Secretary and would therefore be difficult for the
11 Secretary to manage;

12 (4) it would in the best interests of the United
13 States and the Town for the Secretary to convey to
14 the Town both the airstrip parcel and the adjacent
15 parcel, at the fair market value of the airstrip par-
16 cel; and

17 (5) the parcels have been determined to be suit-
18 able for disposal in the Shoshone-Eureka Resource
19 Management Plan and Environmental Impact State-
20 ment.

21 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) ADJACENT PARCEL.—The term “adjacent
23 parcel” means the parcels of land in the State of
24 Nevada, comprising 74.88 acres, described as Mount

1 Diablo Meridian, T16N, R44E, section 31, lot 4,
2 E1/2NESE, S1/2SWNESE, S1/2S1/2NWSE.

3 (2) AIRSTRIP PARCEL.—The term “airstrip par-
4 cel” means the parcel of land, with a landing strip
5 running on an easterly bearing and a portion of a
6 landing strip running on a southerly bearing, in the
7 State of Nevada, comprising 70.00 acres, described
8 as Mount Diablo Meridian, T16N, R44E, section 31,
9 N1/2SESW, N1/2SWSE, N1/2SESE, SESESE.

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
12 rector of the Bureau of Land Management.

13 (4) TOWN.—The term “Town” means the town
14 of Kingston, Nevada.

15 (c) CONVEYANCE.—In consideration of payment of
16 the fair market value of the airstrip parcel, the Secretary
17 of the Interior shall convey to the Town, subject to valid
18 existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the United
19 States in and to the airstrip parcel and the adjacent par-
20 cel, totaling 144.88 acres.

21 (d) NO RESERVATIONS.—The patent by which the
22 conveyance under subsection (c) is made shall contain no
23 reservations.

24 (e) LEASE EXTENSION.—If for any reason the con-
25 veyance under subsection (c) is not completed before Sep-

1 tember 30, 2000, the term of the airport lease, as in effect
2 on the date of enactment of this Act, shall be considered
3 to be extended until the date of the conveyance.

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